

Indiana Diabetes Advisory Group
January 11, 2007
Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Amy David, Pam Doyle, Sandra Edmond, William Evers, Julie Marietta, Cindy McClure, Katie Holeman-Shipp, Elizabeth Hamilton-Byrd, Terry Strickland, Beverly Reed, Carolin Requiz, Joseph, Baker, Henry Rodriguez, Cindy Schaefer, Darlene Skelton, Linda Stemnock, Russ Towner, Joseph Marchant, Rick Zachary, Cherylene Hough, Jackie Johnson, Spencer Grover, Denise Ferguson, Nancy Yoder, Anita Ohmit

Diabetes Prevention and Control Program Staff: Laura Heinrich, Rachel Weinrich, Joan Marciniak, Pam McVey, Elaine Lipscomb

- I. **Background** – Laura Heinrich gave some background information regarding the Diabetes Advisory Group. There was discussion on whether or not to change the name of the Advisory Group to the Diabetes Advisory Council. A comment by William Evers was to further define the ‘Advisory Group’ (to him meant giving suggestions) as opposed to ‘Council’- which suggested decision-makers

There was a unanimous decision to go with Diabetes Advisory Council. Members were asked to sit on a committee to review “mission and vision” statements for IN and to develop them for the Council.

William Evers also suggested that ISDH develop a purpose statement that would describe why the council exists and our expectations from the council. Russ Towner suggested that the State Plan may have a mission and vision statements.

Members who agreed to sit on the Bylaws Committee included: William Evers, Russ Towner, Joseph Baker, Jackie Johnson. Two potential additions who have been on diabetes committees in other states will be contacted as well.

Darlene Skelton suggested inviting members of the Statewide Diabetes Minority Alliance to the Diabetes Advisory Council because of their interest and established partnerships as well as community interest in the “*Too Sweet for Your Own Good*” conference.

- II. **Committees** - Laura reviewed the current committees and proposed new committees such as the Minority Health Advocacy committee. Laura also requested feedback on whether the current committee names should be changed and opened the floor for discussion. Bill Evers wasn’t sure about the direction of the Data committee and suggested that an ad hoc group could review data when needed and serve as a resource instead of working on a project. Joan shared her ideas for the data committee and

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mentioned her vision for evaluating progress on achieving the activities described in the PIP/State Plan. Bill Evers thought this was a good plan and would then agree to the need for the committee. The need to update the fact sheets and burden report were discussed.

Attendees agreed to retain the Partnership and Inform committees but need to revisit the purpose of the Link and Data committees. The members agreed to change the name of the Link committee to Health Services because it would be a better fit to the purpose of dealing with health services issues related to diabetes care, quality of care, and access of care for the state's population.

- III. **Committee Updates** –Inform & Educate committee – Rachel reported on the letter to send to school principals and nurses for the pilot study to educate school personnel.

Comment was made that experienced CDEs should be sent to schools or the practices taught might do more harm than good. Beverly Reed suggested a survey to determine the CDEs experience with Type 1 diabetes.

Syringe Disposal ad hoc Committee - Rachel presented the draft proposal of syringe disposal policies. She requested if anyone had additional comments to get them to her.

Data committee - Linda Sternock, ISDH discussed the funding of surveys (Public Preparedness Funding) and that ISDH applied for additional funding which would result in over 15,000 surveys of county-level data. It is unknown at this time if ISDH will get the additional funding. Linda Sternock reviewed BRFSS data which she stated is "ballpark data at best." County by county there is not enough surveys; have some but only urban influenced. They can do the state by regions through feedback on the document prior to posting on the website. Laura discussed the BRFSS Core survey, which includes data on asthma, BMI, exercise, diabetes. For 2007, questions about children with type 1, type 2 will be included as add-on questions.

- IV. **Upcoming April Conference** - More discussion about the upcoming conference on April 24th. Agenda, brochure AADE credits were some of the items discussed.
- V. **Next meeting:** March 14, 2004, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Rice Auditorium, Indiana State Department of Health